- Experienced Government staff from various States are deployed in Western Uttar Pradesh prior to and during the rounds to support micro planning, training and monitoring of activities.
- At the district level, the District Magistrates are constantly evaluating the programme through District/task-Force meeting, held before every round and suitable corrective actions are taken to improve the quality of implementation of the programme.

FDA certificate on Medical stents

†2138. SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have imposed a condition of American FDA certificate for selling equipments in India, known as stent, required for opening blocked arteries of heart;

(b) whether such steps are causing a hindrance in making available cheap stents by indigenous companies;

(c) if so, the efforts being made by Government to remove them; and

(d) whether Government are also contemplating to import Chinese stents?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI): (a) No such condition of American FDA Certificate for selling Medical Stents, has been imposed by Government of India.

(b) and (c) Questions do not arise.

(d) No, Sir.

Population stabilization and Two-Child norm

2139. SHRI B.K. HARIPRASAD: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

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†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(a) whether National Commission on Population in its recent meeting has evolved any strategy on fertility reduction, which at the current rate, would make it impossible to attain population stabilization even by 2015;

(b) whether many States are working at cross purposes, by evolving two-child family norms for bestowal of rights for concessional water supply tariffs and eligibility to contest Panchayats/local body elections; and

(c) whether dismal performance of Empowered Action Group States like U.P., Bihar, M.P., Rajasthan and Orissa is proving a drag on the excellent results attained by Southern States?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI): (a) In the meeting of the National Commission on Population held on 23rd July 2005 all the relevant issues pertaining to population stabilization were discussed. The National Population Policy, 2000 envisages attainment of the replacement level of total fertility rate (TFR) of 2.1 by 2010 so as to stabilize the population of the country by 2045. Accordingly, it was decided to implement the existing family welfare programme more effectively.

(b) Some States like Andhra Pradesh, Haryana, Himachal Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Rajasthan, Orissa and Delhi have adopted two-child norm. The steps taken by such States include provisions for disqualifying persons having more than two living children from becoming elected members of Panchayati Raj Institutions and Municipalities; limiting the maternity leave to Government employees upto two children; extending 1/2 per cent lower rate of interest on house-building advance, granting special pay equal to one increment to Government employees for undergoing sterilisation with not more than two living children; restricting entry into Government service and subsequent promotions/facility for availing loans to persons having no more than two living children.

(c) Yes, Sir. The all India demographic indicators are arrived at by taking the average of all the States. As such, the indicators of States having weaker demographic indicators do affect overall picture.